

Applicant or Patentee: Glenn M. Baruck

Application or Patent No.:

Filed or Issued:

For: DANCE SHOE

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)  
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
37 CFR 1.27(a)(2) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am:

the owner of the small business concern identified below:  
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Concern: Leo's Dancewear Inc.

Address of Concern: 1900 N. Narragansett Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60639

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18 for purposes of paying reduced fees under Sections 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement: (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time, or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either directly or indirectly one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention entitled: DANCE SHOE, by inventor(s) Glenn M. Baruck, as described in:

The specification filed herewith.  
 Application No. , filed  
 Patent No. , issued

**Others Having Rights In The Invention**

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention is listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any individual, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as a person under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3). (NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to his/her/its status as a small entity.)

Name:

Address:

Individual

Small Business Concern

Nonprofit Organization

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 CFR 1.27(a)(2)).

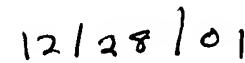
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

Name of Person Signing: Glenn M. Baruck

Title in Organization: President

Address of Person Signing: 1900 N. Narragansett Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60639

  
Signature

  
Date

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is of the following type:

original    design    supplemental  
 national stage of PCT  
 divisional    continuation    continuation-in-part

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DANCE SHOE

the specification of which:

is attached hereto.  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was  
amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).  
 was filed by Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ as Application No. not known yet, and  
was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if applicable*).  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as PCT International Application No.  
\_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (*if any*).

I state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification identified above, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of the application identified above in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

I claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design registration, or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application(s) from which the benefit of priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN PATENT, UTILITY MODEL, AND DESIGN REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS					
COUNTRY	PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED		
			YES		NO
			YES		NO
			YES		NO
			YES		NO

I claim the benefit pursuant to 35 USC 119(e) of the following United States provisional patent application(s):

PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS, BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119(e)	
APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)

I claim the benefit pursuant to 35 USC 120 of any United States patent application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this patent application is not disclosed in the prior patent application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 effective between the filing date of the prior patent application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this patent application.

PRIOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S., BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 120					
U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS			Status (check one)		
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DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS FROM WHICH PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 USC 119 FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS				
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As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd. to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 23460.



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

I further direct that correspondence concerning this application be directed to Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd.: Customer Number 23460.



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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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